to consider Principal Private Secretaries for promotion as Deputy Secretaries as the nature of their work and experience is different.

**Corruption charge against the Chief Secretary of Sikkim**

2214. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whtther it is a fact that the present Chief Secretary of Sikkim was asked to go on compulsory retirement because he was found indulging in corruption;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Administrative Tribunal quashed the order on technical grounds;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in its order the Central Administrative Tribunal has noted that the charges against the officer are of grave nature and Government could re-examine the case;

(d) if so, whether the case has been re-examined; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The present Chief Secretary of Sikkim was retired from service in the public interest under Rule 16(3) of the All India Service (Death-cum Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1958 on grounds of doubtful integrity.

(b) The Central Administrative Tribunal, Calcutta Bench quashed the order on the ground that the officer was not given on opportunity to explain the meteriai on the basis of which his integrity was doubted.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The matter is being examined.

(e) Does not arise.

**Cases field before the Central Administrative Tribunal**

2215. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of the total number of cases which hape been disposed of out of those filled before the Central Administrative Tribunal since its inception;

(b) what is the total monthly average number of cases filed before CAT;

(c) what is the number of cases pend-inp before CAT for over 3 years, 5 years and more than 5 years, separately;

(d) what are the reasons for delay in the disposal of cases pending for more than three years or so; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take for the speedy disposal of cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Approximately 67 per cent (As on 30.9.91)

(b) The average number of cases filed before the Central Administrative Tribu^ nal every month is approximately 1654 (As on 30.9.91)

(c) As on 30-9-91, 10446 cases, which were more than three years old, were pending in various Benches of the CAT, out of which, 3180 cases were more than five years old.

(d) and (e) The main reasons for delay in the disposal of cases are the inadequate number of Members and non-filling up of vacancies in various Benches!. As such it is proposed to set up a few more-Benches of CAT, at selected places and to fill up all the vacancies of Vice-Chairman and Members at the earliest.